

# **PEN Products Awards U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeships to 164 Offender Workers**

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Bunker Hill, Indiana - (August 2, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue presented the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Certificates to 164 PEN Products offender worker at the Miami Correctional Facility in Bunker Hill, Indiana.

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The offenders have completed their On-the-Job Training and required class work while working in the PEN Products Industries plant. They have earned their Apprenticeships in the following job titles:  
Industrial Engineering Technologist,

Machine Operator, Numerical Tool Programmer, Patternmaker, Chemical Operator II and III, Material Coordinator, Electromechanical Assembler, Housekeeper, Quality Control -Inspection, Administrative Assistant and Maintenance Mechanic.

"We are proud to recognize our graduates of the apprenticeship program. PEN Products is in the business of preparing offenders for their release by instilling a work ethic and providing offenders with marketable skills," stated PEN Products Director, Mike Herron.

The offenders were congratulated by Commissioner J. David Donahue, Superintendent Martin, Director

Mike Herron, family members, and U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Specialists.

### **About PEN Products:**

PEN Products is a division of the Indiana Department of Correction. PEN Products mission is to employ offenders within Indiana's correctional facilities providing meaningful jobs, instilling a work ethic and providing marketable skills. Click here to visit the site: <http://www.penproducts.com>

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### **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.